

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SWITCH

THE M60A1 AND M48A5 CHASSIS AVLBs ARE THE LATEST VEHICLES TO MAKE THE SWITCH FROM HALON TO CO₂ PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, NSN 4210-01-388-7854.



THAT CHANGE MAKES THE SAFETY CONCERNS A BIT DIFFERENT.



A NEW WARNING AND CAUTION, AS WELL AS AN EXTRA STEP, ARE BEING ADDED TO THE PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROCEDURES IN THE OPERATOR'S MANUALS.



UNTIL PAGE 2-160 IN TM 5-5420-202-10 AND PAGE 2-129 IN TM 5-5420-226-10 ARE UPDATED, MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OR TAPE A COPY OF THIS CHART IN YOUR TM.



PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER

- 2.1. Remove portable fire extinguisher (1) from bracket behind operator's seat.
- 3.2. Break wire (2) and pull pin (3).
- 4.3. Pull horn (4) up to level position.
- 5.4. Take fire extinguisher (1) as close to fire as possible and point horn (4) directly at base of flames.

WARNING

- Fire extinguisher agent will irritate eyes and throat. Avoid contact with fire extinguisher agent.



- If fire is outside tank, approach fire with wind at your back to avoid burns



NOTE

Fire extinguisher does most good when held within five feet of fire.

- 6.5. Press down and hold trigger (5).

NOTE

If fire was inside vehicle, open all hatches and let vehicle air out for five minutes before ~~continuing operation~~ **entering vehicle**.

- 7.6. Put pin (3) back into trigger (5).
- 8.7. Turn horn (4) down.
- 9.8. Tag fire extinguisher (1) with word empty.
- 10.9. Replace empty fire extinguisher (1) as soon as possible.

WARNING

When hand held portable CO₂ fire extinguisher is used on a crew compartment fire, the vehicle must be evacuated before using the fire extinguisher. If the vehicle is not evacuated, crew death from asphyxiation may occur.

1. In the event of a fire, immediately begin crew evacuation while accomplishing step 2.

CAUTION

Do not enter vehicle to fight fire. Ensure crew is out of vehicle before discharging fire extinguisher.

